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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT SAUDI ARABIA - SEC. SIMON

FOLLOWING ARRIVAL REMARKS RIYADH AIRPORT SECRETARY OF TREASURY  
WILLIAM E. SIMON, 1500 HOURS, FEBRUARY 28, 1976:

(BEGIN QUOTE)

"IT IS A PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE BACK IN SAUDI ARABIA ONCE  
AGAIN. FROM THE AIR I READILY SAW THE TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT THAT  
HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE MY FIRST VISIT A YEAR AND NINE MONTHS AGO.

"I HAVE COME TO RIYADH FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE U.S.-SAUDI  
ARABIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH MINISTER  
ABA AL-KHAIL AND I CO-CHAIR. I BELIEVE THAT THIS COMMISSION HAS  
MADE REMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. IT IS  
OBVIOUSLY GOING TO MAKE CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY WHICH  
IS GOING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ALL IMPORTANT EFFORT OF A JUST AND  
LASTING PEACE HERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"MY VISIT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE BUSINESS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION,  
HOWEVER. I ALSO COME TO CONVEY THE WARMEST WISHES OF OUR  
PRESIDENT FORD TO HIS MAJESTY KING KHALID AND THE PEOPLE OF THE  
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

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"I LOOK FORWARD TO FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS MAJESTY KING

KHALID, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD, AND THE OTHER MINISTERS  
DURING MY TWO DAY VISIT."  
(END QUOTE)  
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